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President's Message: A year of progress

Welcome back to a new year at McLennan Community College! On behalf of the faculty, staff, and the MCC Board of Trustees, I



wish you a wonderful year filled with opportunities to grow both personally and academically. While you may not realize it, as you arrive on campus this fall you will be helping us celebrate a milestone. On the morning of Sept. 16, 1966, the first Highlanders arrived for class at McLennan Community College. MCC's home at the time was a cluster of old barracks on the James Connally Air Force Base. Working under less-than-ideal conditions (including pausing the lectures when the planes took off), the faculty taught and the students learned and together they began a tradition of excellence in education that continues to this day.

Many of the Highlanders who came before you have gone on to do great things. Undoubtedly, Central Texas is a much better place due to the contributions of thousands of MCC alumni who have chosen to build their lives and careers here. I hope that on Monday, Sept. 16, you'll take a moment to remember those pioneers who started MCC and to celebrate your role in continuing our proud tradition.

Speaking of classroom conditions, many of you will notice some dramatic improvements to the MCC campus since last year. One year ago, much of the campus was under construction as we dug up and replaced the original pipes and wiring that were beginning to show their age. Today, the trenches are filled and most of the grass has returned, giving all of us much cause for celebration. The payoff is that MCC now has a more efficient and reliable physical plant that will assure comfort and security for our students, faculty, and staff.

Two campus buildings, Liberal Arts and Science, were out of commission all summer as we replaced the lighting, heating, and air conditioning systems. In the Community Service Center, we have added classrooms, remodeled one wing of the building, and are completing work on a covered circular driveway for the Child Development Center.

By far the most dramatic change at MCC is the Learning Technology Center taking shape at the center of campus. This facility, with its three-story rotunda, glass elevators

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Final construction projects wrap up



Digital Image by Leah C. Turner

Final stages of planned construction will continue around the MCC campus. New student parking at the CSC building is one of the projects nearing completion and the Learning Technology Center is scheduled to open in January 2002.

Justin Loosier
Staff Writer

Students will soon have a world of technology at their fingertips with the building of MCC's new Learning Technology Center. This modern, up-to-date, facility is expected to be complete in late October, and will accommodate students like never before.

The center will provide students with numerous computer and distance learning labs, conference centers, a food court, academic success center, and wireless technologies.

Diane Feyerherm, director of the campus physical plant, says that construction of the technology center is going "very well."

A few minor construction projects at the CSC Building will be wrapping up in January. One of these is completion of the new student parking lot facing College Drive. The other is the library. Once it is re-located to the Learning Technology Center, crews will begin the process of renovating the rear portion of the CSC Building.

Recently, some students have expressed their concerns about adequate parking during construction of the Learning Technology Center. Feyerherm made it clear that student parking will not be a problem, even with construction in progress.

"Many of the workers will park their vehicles off campus, near the baseball field parking lots," she said. "From there they can take a shuttle to the job site."

Although this is the plan, Feyerherm admitted that workers might occasionally need to use parking lot H, located near the Student Center on the main campus. Students can look forward to most of the construction and renovations being complete within the next few months. By next semester, students will have access to loads of modern, more efficient facilities.

Festival to open Bosque River Stage

Marie Rent
Entertainment Editor

The grand opening of MCC's Bosque River Stage will show the community exactly what this amphitheater is offering. The official celebration of the grand opening is the Waterfront Music Festival, lasting September 12-17.

MCC has hired an events specialist to coordinate and book events at the stage, such as parties, receptions, reunions and weddings.

"We're negotiating with several festivals to have them come and do their festivals here," said Dave Hibbard, commercial music instructor.

The first festival will be the Waterfront Music Festival, featuring a variety of musicians and a show every night.

The highlight of the festival will be BJ Thomas, a pop sensation of the 1970's, performing Saturday night. Other performers include Elephants Gerald, Brave Combo, Aztex, Michael McFrazier and Veronica Ortega. September 12-16, concerts start at eight p.m., however Veronica Ortega's performance starts at noon on September 17.

Many MCC students may not have heard about the Bosque River Stage because a lot of work was done over the summer, when the campus was virtually deserted.

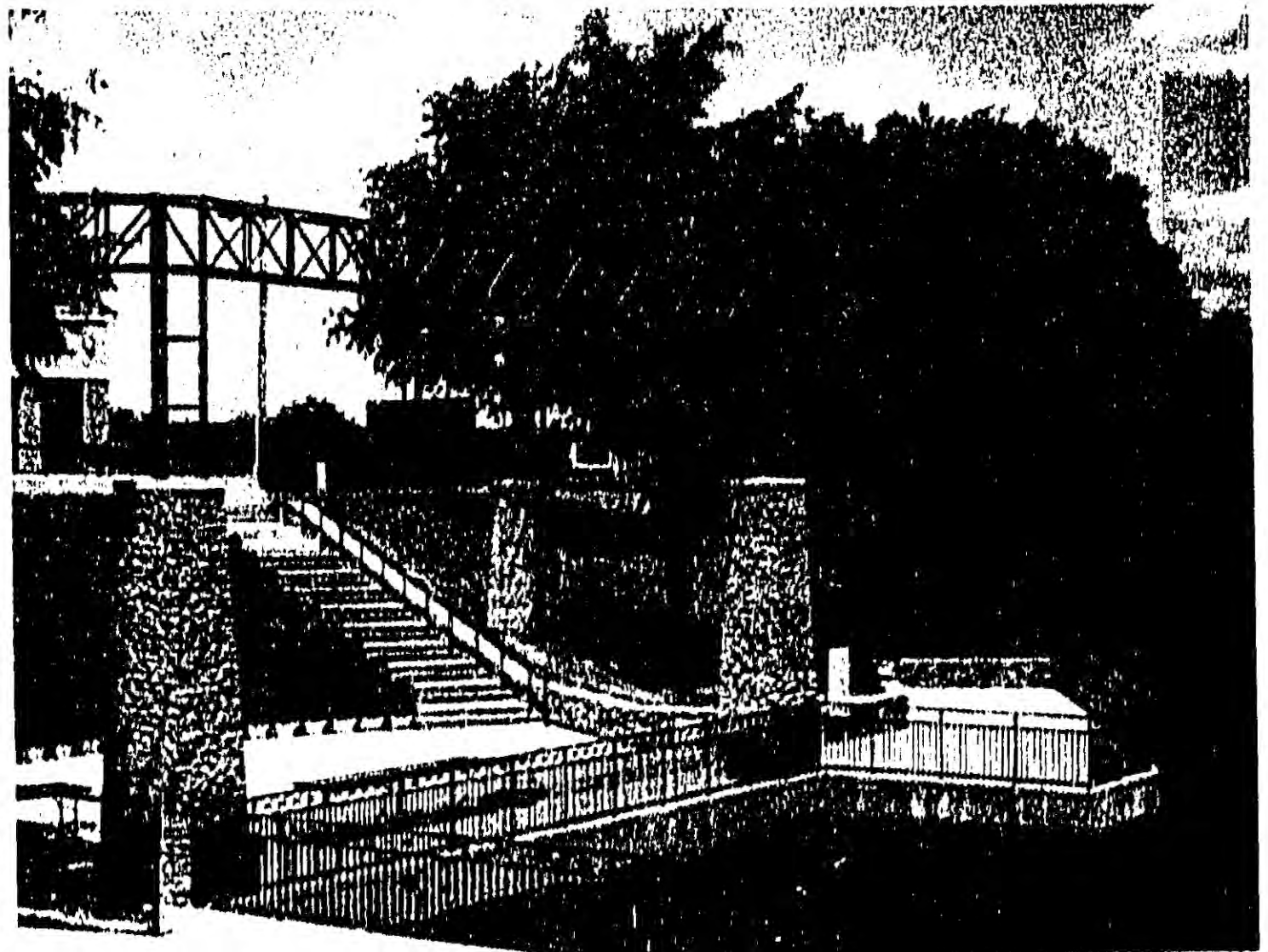
"I hope to have some focus groups of students, maybe through the student government," said Hibbard. "I would like the students of MCC to understand that it's part of this campus."

This is going to be a great opportunity for commercial music majors, regardless of what they want to do because they will get experience in many areas of putting on shows said Hibbard. The Bosque River Stage does not benefit only students though.

"It's a really attractive venue for the community and not just for students," said Kim Patterson. "The community helped revamp the rarely used amphitheater."

"It has long been our dream to offer our community a place to enjoy the beauty of the river, the joy of live entertainment and the opportunity for

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New decal allows students year-long parking privileges

Jana M. Vuonik
Editor-in-Chief

Starting this fall, students will be able to receive their parking decal for the whole year instead of having to come back after every semester.

This is one way the Mac Card office is looking to save money and to make life easier for the students.

"There is probably a two-fold reason. Partially because it makes it a lot easier on the students. It cuts down on the traffic in the Mac Card office. Most of the students attend for a year anyway. They start in the fall and they are usually here for the whole school year. It keeps them from having to come back again," said Gary Willis, senior auxiliaries-financial services.

"Second reason is just budgetary. We were having to throw away a lot of decals each term, because you order enough for the student body that you have and we ended up having to throw away a lot of them," Willis said.

"Anytime you can take the savings you take the savings. What we are trying to do is keep the tuition down. Anytime you have increased expenses, ultimately I feel it is going to come out

of the tuition. A lot of places are raising their tuition drastically this year. A lot of places are raising tuition but we have not yet. So by doing this we cut our expenses down by one-third by only getting one batch of decals instead of ordering three batches of decals a year, then we have cut our expenses by two-thirds. So it makes sense from a financial

standpoint as well," Willis said. Students have made many positive comments about the new procedure.

"The Mac card is a debit plan. Due to financial limitations, there are no plans to extend it and make it into a real debit system and possibly go off campus in the near future. "We intend to have a separate card system that runs the copiers for the faculty and staff," Willis said.

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MCC Students graduate summer 2001

McLennan Community College's Summer Commencement Exercises were held on August 16 at the Waco Convention Center.

Below is a list of participating graduates by degree.

Certificates
Paramedicine:
 Diedra Rozhine Adkins
 Carmen Flecha
 James J. Martin
 Raymond A. Mosier
 Nanette Y. Pace
 Rhoda Dell Simmons
Child Development:
 Charity Cherie Baugh
Child Dev/Special Persons:
 Dianna Martin Brown
 Martha S. Green
 Carolyn R. Jones
 Elisa Ann Kuehn
 Janet Gilliam LaFoy
 Howard Lee Medlock
 Judy A. Washington
 Amber Sundry Wright
Comp Info Sys/Program:
 Micah Elijah Carrizales
Building Construction Trade:
 Corbett A. Faulkenbery
 Jackie L. Walker
Medical Unit Secretary:
 Mariana Gutierrez
Mental Health/TCADA:
 Sherry Merritt McCartney
Vocational Nursing:
 Tammy Brown
 Stephanie Kay Chaney



Digital image Alyson Moulton

Sier Lopez, pre-medical gradute receives a final adjustment before MCC's summer commencement on August 16.

Christopher Lee Crawley
 Rubin Cruz Garcia
 Dana Lynn Gregory
 LaKeeda R. Hawley
 Destiny DeAnn Hutchison
 Pamela Nicole Jacobs
 Sabra Mae Jones
 Martha A. Kreid
 Deidre Lee Liles
 Angela M. Luedke
 Amy McGee

Traci Newman
 Jeffie L. Raines
 Maria del Carmen Samaniego
 Amanda Leigh Scott
 Angela Renee Smith
 Angela Rena Wilkerson
Associate Degrees
General Business:
 Danielle Elise Beene
Business:
 Kevin Byron Bearden

Kirston Carroll
 Melissa Ann Haberman
Medical Lab Technician:
 Tammy Beatty
 Cassiopia Rene Boone
 Sandy Rae Gibson
 Essie G. Jones
 Elizabeth Rose Levi
 Latoria Shantell McCrimmon
 Lena Juanita Whitaker
Mathematics:
 Amy Lynette Henderson
Radiologic Technician:
 Liberty Lynne Adair
 Amy Lynn Barlow
 Dawn Michelle Blackmon
 Clay Bowdoin
 Rocio Bustos
 Gina Michele Coates
 Melinda N. Cullens
 Regina Nicole Duke
 Russell Lee Flandry
 Susan Freeman
 Tamara Lynette Horton
 Amy Marie Kraemer
 Jennifer M. Olson
 Ronnie Ray Rodriguez
 Candee E. Rosentreter
 Shannon Schatz
 Charles E. Smith
 Jennifer Ann Smith
 Leslie Leeann Wilkes
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 Coffey
 Michaela F. Farias
 Kimberly J. Minor

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 Kimberly Lanell Williams
General Academics:
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 Tarsha Shree Graves
 Cossandra Lynn Maxey
 Roderick Donnell Nealy
 Elkin Armando Nunez
 Larry Glen Salazar
 Brandon M. Walker
 David Glenn Walker
Management/Acct:
 Araceli D. Guerrero
 Yolanda B. Perez
Respiratory Care Technician:
 Jefferson Gunn
Management/Business:
 Amanda McDaniel
Comp Info Sys/MicComp Appl.:
 William Russell Bevans
Computer Info Sys/Prgrm:
 Michelle Lynn Bearden
 Faith Conrad
Computer Info Sys/Ntwk Admn:
 Robert W. Mueller
 James R. Todd
Social Work:
 Gena Cheri Parkman
Paralegal:
 Mary E. Sulak
Criminal Justice:
 John Allen Robertson
 Dustin Kyle Weins
Education:
 Jeffrey Randall Brown
 Kandace Ann Burnett

Marlina Earleg Washington
 Handan Ozdemir Whitt
Office Admn/Med Sec:
 Steffanee June Ynostrosa
Theatre:
 Laura Denise Hubbard
Commercial Music/Mgmt:
 Frank Darrick Rey
Psychology:
 Nicole Marie Terry
Pharmacy:
 Sabrina Dawn Wale
Marketing:
 Shari Rochelle Wright
Honor Graduates
(GPA 3.50-3.79)
Med Lab Technician:
 Ana Patricia Binette
Mental Health/youth Coun:
 Randall Hugh Dillon
Pre-medical:
 Sier Lopez
Management/Business:
 Erika Palomino
Radiologic Tech:
 Johnna Tere Nichols
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 tor, food court, art gallery, e-mail stations, library, computer labs, and comfortable seating, will be a learning center unparalleled in this part of the country. We eagerly anticipate completing the project this fall and are planning to move in over Christmas break. The adjacent plaza will not only complete the LTC but will provide a quiet place to meet, study, or just enjoy our beautiful surroundings. All of us at MCC understand the sacrifices our students have made over the past eighteen months while all of the construction and renovation has been going on and

we appreciate your patience—but the reward of having upgraded facilities will be worth the wait!
 If you haven't been down by the MCC baseball field lately, be sure to check out the Amphitheater. You probably won't recognize it ... after a complete facelift, it has a new look, a new name (the Bosque River Stage), and a new purpose as an entertainment destination for the entire community. Mark your calendars now for the grand opening celebration ... a six-day concert series Sept. 12-17 called the Waterfront Music Festival. We'll have music ranging from Austin salsa band Aztex to Brave Combo's nuclear polka to oldies (that's me) favorite BJ Thomas. So

no matter what your style, you'll find a fit at the Waterfront Music Festival.
 We certainly have come a long way since the days in the barracks, and it's easy to see why MCC has earned its reputation as one of the finest community colleges in Texas. It is important to remember that even with all the fresh paint, new equipment, and remodeled facilities, the most important thing at MCC has not changed: our commitment to student success. So when you go to class on Sept. 16, expect the same quality instruction, the same challenging curriculum, and the same personal support that was there 35 years ago. And your class won't even be interrupted with planes taking off.

Decal

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 All copy machines have diebold readers installed and are networked and tied into the server. When the Learning Technology Center opens students will be using the copy machines in the library without having to find change to make all of their copies. People will be able to put money on the Mac card, use the card on the machine, and the cost will be taken from the card's account. Also, when the LTC opens up with all of the high-tech equipment, Tesa locks will control doors into the classrooms or offices. "The system is similar to the locks used in hotels; slip a card in and it opens the door," Willis said.

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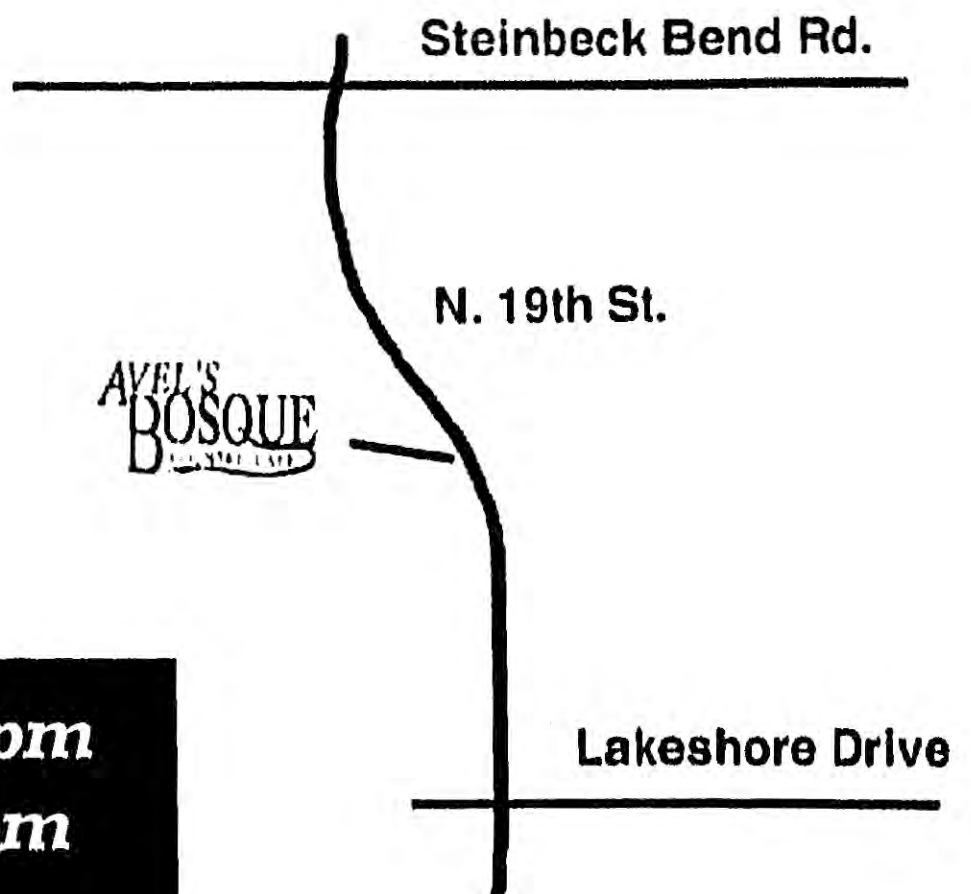
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The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Major League Baseball

Aaron Smith
Sports Editor

The Good: Barry Bonds remains ahead of Mark McGwire's record-setting pace of '98' with 53 homeruns through his first 121 games.

Currently, Bonds has scored six more home runs than McGwire, but if Bonds wants to stay on top he will have to remain hot, as McGwire homered 23 times in his final few games of '98.

But what makes Bonds season most impressive is his almost single-handed leadership bringing the Giants to their current Wild Card lead.

They have won 17 of their last 20 games with Bonds going deep ten times during the stretch.

His chase for history may be a little more important than McGwire's.

Unlike the '98 Cardinals, the 2001 Giants' postseason plans are resting on the shoulders of

their slugger, Bonds.

The Bad: Boston Red Sox General Manager Dan Duquette. How do you fire a guy in mid-season with a 65-53 record, and just two games out of the Wild Card spot?

You don't have to be a genius to figure out that Duquette and former Manager of the Red Sox Jimmy Williams were about as compatible as Mike and Coral from The Real World (not that I watch the show).

Personal issues aside, Williams has done a phenomenal job just keeping the beat-up Red Sox in the race.

Despite Carl Everett missing the team bus to spring training, Nomar Garciaparra missing the whole first half of the season, 11 players on the Disabled List (including their most important player Pedro Martinez), and 71 different lineups in their first 87 games, the Red Sox still managed to reach the All-Star break with a 51-36

record. Since then the Red Sox have gone 12-17. Suddenly, the same person everyone praised for dealing with all of the turmoil of the first half of the season is not the man to lead the Sox into the playoffs.

If Duquette thinks a managerial change is going to help the Sox stay healthy, then he too has been stricken by the curse of the Bambino.

The Ugly: The Texas Rangers

hit a new low against the Detroit Tigers August 8, allowing a modern day record 13 run 9th inning.

This inning more than any other sums up the Rangers season. The Rangers are currently last in the American League in pitching, and who says pitching doesn't win championships.

As of print time the Rangers are 54-70 and only 35 games behind the Seattle Mariners for first in the West.

Not even the 250 million dol-

McLennan Community College Men's Basketball 2001-2002 Schedule

November 2	MCC Classic: ISF	8:00 PM
November 3	MCC Classic: Blinn	8:00 PM
November 6	San Jacinto	7:00 PM
November 9	@Hill Classic	4:00 PM
November 10	@Hill Classic	4:00 PM
November 12	Navarro	7:00 PM
November 17	@Blinn	7:30 PM
November 20	@Richland	5:00 PM
November 23	@Collin Classic	4:00 PM
November 24	@Collin Classic	7:00 PM
November 29	@Eastfield	7:00 PM
December 3	Richland	7:00 PM
December 5	Ranger	8:00 PM
December 8	@Southwestern Christian	6:00 PM
December 19	Eastfield	7:00 PM
January 5	@Navarro	7:30 PM
January 12	Grayson	8:00 PM
January 16	@Cisco	8:00 PM
January 19	Hill	8:00 PM
January 23	@Weatherford	8:00 PM
January 26	Temple	8:00 PM
January 30	@Collin	7:30 PM
February 6	@Ranger	8:00 PM
February 13	Southwest Christian	8:00 PM
February 16	@Grayson	8:00 PM
February 20	Cisco	8:00 PM
February 23	@Hill	8:00 PM
February 27	Weatherford	8:00 PM
March 2	@Temple	8:00 PM
March 7-9	Collin	8:00 PM

McLennan Community College Women's Basketball Schedule 2001-2002

MCC Classic	Claredon	6:00 PM
Nov. 2	Angelina	6:00 PM
Nov. 3		
Hill Classic		
Nov. 9	Kilgore	2:00 PM
Nov. 10	Blinn	2:00 PM
Nov. 13	Angelina	6:00 PM
Temple Classic		
Nov. 16	San Jac	6:00 PM
Nov. 17	Panola	1:00 PM
Nov. 29	Midland	7:30 PM
Odessa Classic		
Nov. 30	Odessa	8:00 PM
Dec. 1	South Plains	6:00 PM
Dec. 5	*Ranger	6:00 PM
Dec. 8	*SWCC	6:00 PM
SWABC Roundup		
Jan. 4	Blinn	8:00 PM
Jan. 5	Kilgore	8:00 PM
Jan. 11	*Grayson	6:00 PM
Jan. 16	*Cisco	6:00 PM
Jan. 19	*Hill	6:00 PM
Jan. 23	*Weatherford	6:00 PM
Jan. 26	*Temple	6:00 PM
Jan. 30	*Collin	6:00 PM
Feb. 2	*Ranger	6:00 PM
Feb. 6	*SWCC	6:00 PM
Feb. 13	*Grayson	6:00 PM
Feb. 16	*Cisco	6:00 PM
Feb. 20	*Hill	6:00 PM
Feb. 23	*Weatherford	6:00 PM
Feb. 27	*Temple	5:30 PM
Mar. 2	*Collin	6:00 PM
Region V Tournament- March 7-10 @ United Spirit Center in Lubbock, TX		
*Conference Games		

Change in store for Big 12 football

Lacy Witt
Sports Editor

With college football season getting underway this week sports fans have a lot of excitement ahead of them. I took a look at the competition in the Big 12 this year and made my own predictions as to what the outcome should be for 2001. Without further ado, I present to you Lacy's picks on the Big 12 conference.

Big 12 North:
1. **Nebraska** (12-0): Nebraska is the odds-on favorite this year in the Big 12 North. With Eric Crouch returning, the 'Huskies will most likely dominate and reclaim the northern title. Crouch will run over most of the Big 12 this year. He also will make a run at the Heisman, but will inevitably fall short. With an aggressive running game and tough defense, the 'Huskies should have a strong shot at the national title. Notre Dame and Oklahoma at home are pivotal games.
2. **Colorado** (10-2): The talent on this team will finally show up this year. Craig Oels and Marcus Houston will show Colorado fans something that they have been looking for since the days of Kordell Stewart, Rushan Saluam and Michael

With season tickets costing as much as most house payments, Bear fans might want to re-think getting too settled in those new skyboxes.

Westbrook.
Be ready for some surprise wins over Texas and Kansas State. The game in Manhattan on Oct. 6 should be the deciding factor for the No. 2 spot in the conference.
3. **Kansas State** (7-4): With Jonathan Beasley gone, Ell Roberson has to step up. He will do an admirable job but will not cut it this year. Give him a year and K-State will be ready to battle it out against Colorado and Nebraska.
4. **Iowa State** (6-5): Losing Sage Rosenfels is a huge loss for these up-and-comers. The Cyclones still have a solid core that could shake up the North. Look for an upset or near-upset from these guys this year. That's going to be about all the action that they will see.
5. **Missouri** (4-7): Losing Justin Smith will hurt the defense. The offense was struggling last year and will struggle again. Look for the 'Tigers to battle with Kansas for the bottom spot of the North.
6. **Kansas** (1-10): Sorry, Jayhawk fans. If I were you, I

would wait until November when Roy Williams brings the basketball team back to the Final Four.
Big 12 South:
1. **Texas** (10-1): The Oct. 6 match-up with Oklahoma and the Oct. 20 match-up at home against the Buffaloes will prove the Longhorns' fate. If they play Major Applewhite, they will have a better showing in these games. The advantage here is that the Longhorns are playing a weaker conference schedule than the Sooners. Let's see if they can live up to their potential this year.
2. **Oklahoma** (10-2) The Sooners are the next logical choice at first in the South. With the loss of Josh Heupel and the toughest game of all at Lincoln, the Sooners will go 6-2 in conference. If Nate Hybl or Jason White can replace Heupel, the Sooners will have a shot at a repeat title. If they establish a running game in Lincoln on Oct. 27, it could change everything. Look for the defense and receivers to carry this team in 2001.
3. **Oklahoma State** (8-3) I know you're thinking this is a sur-

prise, but look out for this talented group. QB Aso Pogi could be the most underrated player in the Big 12. He is surrounded by a talented offense and an above-average defense. Look for Tatum Bell to turn some heads this year in the South and Les Miles to be in the running for Coach of the Year in the conference and in the nation.
4. **Texas A&M** (5-6): The Aggies will fall off this year and have an outside chance at a bowl game. They have four key games that will determine their position in the conference and in the bowl situation. These games are at home against Oklahoma State and Notre Dame, and at Colorado and K-State.
With Oklahoma State at home, the Aggies could gain a huge advantage on them in the standings.
5. **Texas Tech** (4-7): Welcome to reality, Red Raiders. Road games at Texas, Nebraska and Oklahoma State will be the downfall of this team in 2001.
6. **Baylor** (2-9): What can you say about this program? The Bears have a chance to surprise some folks in Big 12 country, but I don't see it happening. They will battle Missouri on Nov. 12 for a possible chance at 11th place in the conference. Sorry, guys, but it looks like another long season. And with season tickets costing as much as most house payments, bear fans might want to re-think getting too settled in those new skyboxes.

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